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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SENGHOR VISITS ALGIERS

- 1. SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR VISITED ALGIERS ON WORKING VISIT OCTOBER 4-5. DURING HIS STAY HE HELD CEREMONIAL MATTERS TO RELATIVE MINIMUM AND MET WITH BOUMEDIENE THREE TIMES IN ADDITION TO BEING BOUMEDIENE'S GUEST AT STATE DINNER. BOUMEDIENE'S RECEPTION OF SENGHOR WAS SEEMINGLY WARM AND HE FAVORED SENGHOR WITH PERSONAL SENDOFF OCTOBER 5, SOMETHING HE DID NOT DO FOR IDI AMIN WHEN LATTER VISITED HERE LAST MONTH.
- 2. PRESS CONTAINED ONLY BAREST DESCRIPTION OF TALKS WHICH PRESS SAID COVERED AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. NO COMMUNIQUE EMERGED FROM VISIT. IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT SENGHOR NOTED THAT PROBLEMS HAD ARISEN BETWEEN DIFFERENT AFRICAN STATES IN 1975, AND THESE NEEDED NEW EFFORTS AND FRANK DIALOGUE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE ALSO CALLED FOR DIRECT PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS.

IN DEPARTURE MESSAGE TO BOUMEDIENE, SENGHOR SPOKE OF SIMILARITY OF VIEWS ON "MOST POINTS," AND UPON ARRIVAL AT DAKAR AIRPORT, HE TERMED DISCUSSIONS "FRANK, PROLONGED, BUT FRINEDLY." LAST TWO PRONOUNCEMENTS SUGGEST THAT HARMONY OF VIEWS BETWEEN TWO MEN PERHAPS LESS THAN TOTAL.

3. NEITHER PRESS NOR DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES REPORT ANY DISCUSSION OF SPANISH SAHARA OR OTHER ISSUES ABOUT WHICH SENGHOR WAS REPORTEDLY SEEKING TO ENCOURAGE ALGERIAN MODERATION. WE WILL KEEP OUR EARS OPEN.PARKER

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